medium of communication like Directorate of Field Publicity which reaches the remote, rural-cum-tribal, backward areas of the country, conducts large number of film shows, oral communication programmes and group discussion on this issue. The Song and Drama Division also covers rural and hilly, backward and tribal areas of the country through folk media.

Statement

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN MARRIED AND CONCEIVED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN 5 STATES

	Uttar Pradesh		Madhya Pradesh	Orissa	Karnataka		Bombay Slums
	Hilly	Rural			Rural	Urban	
1. % married before the age of 18 years	87.4	72.9	90.3	51.3	86.4	63.6	76.8
2. % Conceived before the age of 18 years	37.5	26.0	59.0	28 5	43 1	33.2	47.1

Aid sought by Government of Kerala to achieve cent percent Literacy

185. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sought cent percent Cenral aid for a programme aimed at achieving cent percent literacy in two or three districts in that State by 1990-91; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala desired extension of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Project to three districts of the State. The State Government has been requested for making available project details, which are awaited.

Construction of foot bridge at Peruman railway station in Quilon

186. SHRI N E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to construct a foot bridge on either side of the Peruman Railway Bridge in the Quilon district of that State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to provide 1 M wide footpath on either side of the girders of the existing bridge.

Deaths Killer Disease in the Tribal Areas

187. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 321 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the number of tribals in Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh

who died during the last three years because of the killer disease;

(b) the number of persons cured and the system of medicine applied;

(c) whether research in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has yet shown any break through in tackling the disease; and

(d) if not, whether assistance from foreign countries with advanced research experience, in genetics, is likely to be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Second meeting of the council under J.C.M. Scheme

188. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second meeting of the staff Council under J.C.M. Scheme was held on the 5th April, 1988;

(b) if so, details of its agenda and actual business conducted therein;

(c) what are the details of members who attended and those who did not attend the meeting; and

(d) what are the reasons, if any, for not nominating/ deputing their representatives to the said meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Harmful effect of non-iodised salt

189. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of non-iodised salt by human beings can cause several ailments;

(b) whether any research has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the non-iodised salt is likely to be banned in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) No. Consumption of non-iodised salt by a normal healthy person does not cause any ailment.

Intake of iodine is the simple and cheapest method for control of Goitre and other associated iodine deficiency disorders, one of the most widely prevalent nutritional problems of the country. Hence, iodised salt is being sponsored to areas endemic for Goitre and other IDDs., under the National Goitre Control programme.

The scheme for iodisation of the entire edible salt in the country is being implemented in phases, to be completed by the year 1992.

Postings of PGTs/Vice Principals in KVS

190. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was recently held in New Delhi;